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1. a. The MERSEBURG (M 52/D 91) airfield was not occupied by Soviet Air Force soldiers but was heavily guarded by German policemen. About twenty-five civilian workers filled bomb craters and loaded scrap at three sites. Four railroad guns and an armored train stood on the spur track.

b. Three intact hangars were observed at the airfield. There was a concrete apron with a taxiway running to the northwest about the center of the landing field. The entire airfield was fenced in. A fuel or ammunition dump which was guarded by Soviet sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was located near the target ranges at the southwestern border of the airfield.

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2. The airfield was unoccupied and its condition unchanged. About 150 laborers still worked at the three sites at the northern edge of the field. A concrete mixer was being used. Bomb craters were being filled and scrap was loaded by two conveyors on horse-drawn vehicles and hauled away.

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3. The airfield was still unoccupied by Soviet Air Force soldiers. Construction work had stopped. Scrap and aircraft wreckage was still piled at the airfield border.

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Comment:

a. The statements on the condition of the MERSEBURG airfield mostly agree with available information. According to previous reports, an ordnance depot of former German weapons was housed in the hangars. The reported railroad guns and the armored train on the railroad spur track were assigned to this ordnance depot.

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This report does not indicate whether the depot is still located at the airfield, but it confirms that no air unit of the Soviet Air Force is stationed there.

b. The work on the expansion of the landing field was reported for the first time.

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